

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 has been amended, supported by the disclosure of the specification, e.g., at page 9, line 18. Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled herein. New claims 5 - 10 have been added. Claim 5 is supported, e.g., by the disclosure at page 8, lines 14 - 19, of the specification. Claim 6 is supported, e.g., by the disclosure at page 8, line 35 - page 9, line 4. Claims 7 - 10 are supported, e.g., by the disclosure at page 12, lines 22 *et seq.* Therefore all claims are now in the desired appropriate form for examination, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination of pending claims 1, 2, and 5 - 10.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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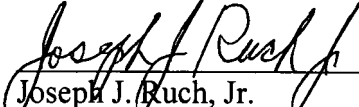
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